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1. Since mid-February 1952, new motor vehicles, mostly three ton trucks, have been shipped at an increased rate from the USSR to the Soviet Zone of Germany. The units to which new vehicles had been consigned began to return deactivated vehicles to the USSR in late March.
2. According to evaluated reports on border traffic, a total of 11,033 trucks were shipped in and 8,799 trucks were shipped out. The monthly flow of these shipments was as follows: Incoming: February, 195; March, 1,547; April, 1,310; May, 1,833; June, 1,435; July, 2,081; August, 1,345; September, 1,055; 1 to 16 October, 23; Outgoing: February, none; March, 700; April, 1,300; May, 1,000; June, 1,150; July, 1,720; August, 1,330; September, 1,446; 1 to 16 October, 133.

[ ] Comment: These estimates are subject to modification because some of the vehicle shipments were not observed, while others may have been reported twice. When the number of vehicles loaded on a specific number of flatcars was not given [ ] the number of vehicles shipped was estimated according to the previous practice of loading one three ton truck

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on one flat car. Since there is a possibility that longer flatcars with greater loading space were used and that additional vehicles may have been carried by utilizing loading ramps between the buffers, these estimates may have to be revised upward.

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